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SUBJECT:APRIL 28 CORE GROUP CONSULTATIONS ON KOREA

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1. FOLLOWING ARE DEPT'S COMMENTS ON HANDLING OF APRIL 28
CORE GROUP MEETING.

2. APPROACH TO NON-ALIGNED; MISSION SHOULD EMPHASIZE
THAT CORE GROUP EMBASSIES SHOULD BE CLEARLY INSTRUCTED
ON IMPORTANCE OF EARLY COORDINATED APPROACHES TO HOST
GOVERNMENTS. EARLY ASSESSMENT OF NON-ALIGNED RESPONSES
TO OUR APPROACHES IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN FUTURE
CORE GROUP DECISIONS ON INITIAL COURSES OF ACTION. USUN
SHOULD NOTE THAT WE HAVE SENT CIRCULAR INSTRUCTIONS ON
APPROACHES TO OUR MISSIONS. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO
CONFIRM WHICH CORE GROUP MEMBERS HAVE DONE LIKEWISE AND
TO REVIEW PLANNED EXCHANGES BY CORE GROUP MEMBERS WITH
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KEY NAM PERMREPS IN NEW YORK.

3. ROK STATEMENT OF APPEAL: WHILE ROKG PROPOSED STATEMENT OF APPEAL WILL PROBABLY BE PRESENTED AT APRIL 28 CORE GROUP MEETING, WE DO NOT WISH TO FIND SITUATION IN

WHICH DISCUSSION FOCUSES SOLELY ON ROK PROPOSED APPEAL. RATHER IT OUR VIEW THAT CORE GROUP SHOULD CONSIDER ROKG APPEAL AS PART OF A GENERAL CORE GROUP ASSESSMENT OF VARIOUS OPTIONS OPEN TO US. INDEED, WE BELIEVE THAT CORE GROUP'S NEXT ITEM OF BUSINESS SHOULD BE FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF LISTED OPTIONS. WE WOULD NOT WISH SITUATION TO DEVELOP IN WHICH KOREAN "STATEMENT OF APPEAL" IS USED BY ROKG TO DEFLECT CORE GROUP FROM ASSESSMENT OF ALL OPTIONS.

4. FYI: WE SEE MORE MERIT IN CONSIDERATION OF LANGUAGE PROPOSED BY KOREANS IN CONTEXT OF A FRIENDLY RESOLUTION INTRODUCED POSSIBLY BY THIRD COUNTRIES THAN IN THE "STATEMENT OF APPEAL" APPROACH SUGGESTED BY ROKG. WE WOULD ALSO WANT TO CAREFULLY STUDY QUESTION OF INVOLVEMENT OF SECRETARY GENERAL. END FYI.

5. CORE GROUP AGENDA: DEPT BELIEVES THAT CORE GROUP SHOULD ALSO MOVE QUICKLY TO CONSIDERATION OF EARLY INFORMAL DIALOGUE WITH KEY COUNTRIES OUTSIDE OF CORE GROUP WHOSE SUPPORT WE WILL NEED. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL FOR CORE GROUP TO IDENTIFY THOSE COUNTRIES, TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF HOW BEST WE MIGHT ENGAGE THEM IN DIALOGUE, AND IDENTIFY WHICH CORE GROUP MEMBERS SHOULD MAKE APPROACHES. FYI: BELIEVE THAT ANY EARLY EFFORTS AT DIALOGUE SHOULD INCLUDE APPROACHES TO FRENCH, AUSTRIANS, SWEDES, EC COUNTRIES OUTSIDE CORE GROUP AND KEY LATIN AMERICAN, ASEAN, MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES FRIENDLY TO OUR POSITION (E.G., SAUDI ARABIA, LIBERIA, SWAZILAND, AND ASEAN COUNTRIES). END FYI.

6. USUN SHOULD NOT RPT NOT MENTION NORTH KOREAN MESSAGE TO CORE GROUP MEMBERS AND SHOULD ASSURE THAT ROK UN ALSO DOES NOT RAISE SUBJECT. WE WOULD HOPE TO
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DO SO AT EARLY DATE BUT ONLY AFTER WE HAVE AGREED WITH ROKG ON OUR HANDLING OF THE NORTH KOREAN MESSAGE. SISCO

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